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FOR (USINFO) VOA/PN, PGM/RC, PGM/PPE, EU

1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW A STATEMENT ISSUED BY PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT ON JULY 26 REGARDING THE SENATE VOTE TO LIFT THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION WAS MADE BY THE PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF AND DELIVERED TO USICA, ANKARA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "ANKARA, JULY 26, 1978. PRIME MINISTER BULENT ECEVIT'S STATEMENT ON YESTERDAY'S SENATE DECISION.

"THE UNITED STATES SENATE HAS DECIDED TO LIFT THE EMBARGO ON DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES IMPOSED ON TURKEY FOR THREE AND A HALF YEARS.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL VOTE ON THIS QUESTION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

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"THE EFFORTS RECENTLY MADE BY THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION, PARTICULARLY BY PRESIDENT CARTER, BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS AND MANY INFLUENTIAL PERSONALITIES, ARE NO DOUBT INDICATORS OF THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED IN THE USA TO FRIENDSHIP WITH TURKEY. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS SUBJECT IS A VERY IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY MATTER FOR HIM. MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY HAVE ALSO MADE A JOINT REPRESENTATION TO

THIS EFFECT.

"NEVERTHELESS, IF THE SENATE RESOLUTION, WITH THE AMENDMENT THAT IT CONTAINS, IS TO BE APPLIED ON THE BASIS OF SUBJECTIVE APPRAISALS IN THE UNITED STATES, CERTAIN ADVERSE RESULTS MAY EMERGE. BECAUSE IN CASE GREECE, THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION OR THE GREEK LOBBY TEND TO INFLUENCE, FOR THEIR OWN ENDS, SUCH INCLINATIONS FOR SUBJECTIVE APPRAISALS IN THE UNITED STATES, THIS MAY LEAD TO THE DRAGGING ON OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND MAY HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON TURKISH-GREEK AND TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SENATE RESOLUTION ALSO HAS CERTAIN REALISTIC AND POSITIVE ASPECTS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

"UNTIL NOW, GREECE HAS CONSISTENTLY REFRAINED FROM FORMALLY INVOLVING HERSELF IN THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND FROM MAKING ANY CONTRIBUTION TO ITS SOLUTION. GREECE HAS LEFT TURKEY ALONE IN HER CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE EFFORTS AIMED AT A SOLUTION. YET IT IS EVIDENTLY DIFFICULT TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS A SOLUTION WITHOUT THE JOINT AND EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BOTH TURKEY AND GREECE. HOWEVER, YESTERDAY'S SENATE DECISION REFERS TO GREECE AS ONE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND STRESSES THE FACT THAT GREECE HAS AS MANY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS TURKEY IN THE WAY OF SEEKING A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES GREECE, TOO, MAY

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FROM NOW ON, FIND IT APPROPRIATE TO MAKE POSITIVE AND EFFECTIVE EFFORTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

"ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION IS THAT IT CONSIDERS THE GUIDELINES FOR INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AGREED TO BETWEEN DENKTAS AND MAKARIOS, IN NICOSIA IN FEBRUARY 1977, WHICH DEFINE THE JOINT AIM OF ESTABLISHING AN "INDEPENDENT, NON-ALIGNED, BI-COMMUNAL FEDERAL REPUBLIC" AS AN ELEMENT THAT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE A "SOUND BASIS FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF A JUST SOLUTION ON CYPRUS." THE SENATE RESOLUTION PROPOSES "SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS" IN LINE WITH THAT AGREEMENT - AN AGREEMENT THAT RESTS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF MAINTAINING THE BICOMMUNAL AND BIZONAL CHARACTER OF THE ISLAND.

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"WHEREAS THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION HAS ON EVERY OCCASION
SINCERELY EXPRESSED ITS ATTACHMENT TO THE SAID GUIDELINES AGREEMENT,
HAS BASED ITS CONCRETE AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS OF APRIL 1978
ON THAT AGREEMENT AND HAS INSISTED ON THE PROMPT RESUMPTION
OF MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS, THE PRESENT GREEK CYPRIOT
ADMINISTRATION HAS BOTH REFRAINED FROM IDENTIFYING ITSELF
WITH THE FEBRUARY 1977 GUIDELINES AGREEMENT AND FROM RESUMING
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

"THE US SENATE RESOLUTION MAY INDUCE THE GREEK CYPRIOT
ADMINISTRATION TO A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

"AS I HAVE MENTIONED ON EVERY OCCASION AND DURING MY VISIT
TO THE UNITED STATES, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING
SOLUTION FOR CYPRUS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOUND AND DURABLE
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FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE ARE OF
GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THEMSELVES BOTH FOR TURKEY AND FOR OUR
REGION, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE LIFTING OR CONTINUATION OF THE
EMBARGO.

" IN FULL CONSCIEOUSNESS OF THE IMPORTANCE PER SE OF THIS
MATTER, THE PRESENT TURKISH GOVERNMENT DID NOT WAIT FOR THE

LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO OR EVEN FOR STEPS IN THAT DIRECTION BEFORE TAKING INITIATIVES, AS SOON AS ASSUMING OFFICE, AIMED BOTH AT IMPROVING TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS AND FINDING A PROMPT SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

"THAT OUR GOOD-WILLED EFFORTS HAVE NOT BORNE POSITIVE RESULTS THUS FAR, IS LARGEY DUE TO THE FACT THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS AND GREECE HAVE EXPLOITED THE DEEP US INVOLVEMENT IN THIS ISSUE. UNLESS GREECE AND THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION ASSUME A NEW AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE, THIS FACTOR MAY STILL BE EFFECTIVE. ONLY A POSITIVE CHANGE IN THEIR ATTITUDE WOULD FACILITATE THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS.

"COMING DAYS WILL SHOW WHETHER WE CAN EXPECT HOPEFUL DEVELOPMENTS TO THIS END." END TEXT.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SENTENCE, "THE US SENATE RESOLUTION MAY INDUCE THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION TO A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE." CAN ALSO BE TRANSLATED FROM THE TURKISH AS FOLLOWS: "THE US SENATE RESOLUTION MAY ORIENT THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION TOWARD A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE."

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